

Appl. No. 09/826,440
Response to March 09, 2004 Non-Final Office action

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Office for the indication that claims 13, 15-17, 24-25, 29-33, and 41-43 would be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include all features of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has taken the examiner's suggestion, and with the above indicated claim amendments, has placed this application into condition for allowance.

More particularly, claims 1-44 were originally pending. Claims 8-11, 13, 15, 24, 25, 28, 29, 35-38, 40, 41, and 44 were amended, and claims 1-7, 12, 14, 18-23, 26, 27, 34, and 39 were canceled. No claims were added. Accordingly, claims 8-11, 13, 15-17, 24-25, 28-33, 35-38, and 40-44 remain pending. These pending claims represent or depend from what the examiner has already indicated is allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, pending claims 8-11, 13, 15-17, 24-25, 28-33, 35-38, and 40-44 are in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance of a subsequent Office action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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